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COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

Minutes of Meeting Held in Rm. 6B4402

Langley, Central Intelligence Agency

10 am--1:20 pm, 10 October 1963

PRESIDING

James Q. Reber
Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

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[redacted] DIA

Capt. H. H. Skidmore, ONI

Deputy Chairman

Col. G.J.P. Lundquist, AFNIN

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Mr. C. W. Snider, State*

[redacted] DIA

Lt. Col. H. E. Ruhsam, OACSI

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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[redacted], NRO

Mr. J. E. Kerr, State*

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[redacted], DIA

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Maj. J. M. Parrish, AFNIN

[redacted], NPIC

*Present for part of meeting

Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of COMOR-M-202 were approved.

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Operational Briefing

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2. [redacted] briefed the Committee on satellite operations. In connection with his briefing, COMOR:

- a. Noted that at present and because of slippage in the schedule there will be one CORONA-J in October, two in November, and one in December.

- b. Noted that [redacted] mission is still scheduled for late October.

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c. Requested the Photo Working Group to review the list of contingency areas for KH-4 coverage as soon as the Air Force reports on the need to retain the Congo and the DIA indicates areas needed for mapping and charting.

d. Agreed that the present situation pertaining to the J schedule as indicated in para a above had in effect solved the problem to which COMOR-D-48/45 had been addressed. The Chairman said that he would advise the USIB Secretariat of this conclusion and that, accordingly, the subject document no longer need be considered by the Board.

Report from the Photo Working Group (T-KH)

3. [] Acting Chairman of the Photo Working Group, reported;

a. That the [] area and China were being updated as rapidly as possible taking into account delays in receipt of IPIRs on missions in these areas.

b. That Cuba target updating had been concluded; this for the most part was simply the change of location of SAM sites due to recent movement of some of the sites.

c. The KH-4 [] target updating had been completed, the changes being minor.

d. The Working Group had discussed coverage of Cuba to assess economic and industrial damage from the hurricane. (The Chairman reported that the Board at the end of its meeting on 9 October had discussed the need for coverage to make an assessment of economic damage. He had been advised that [] was talking directly with [] of the JRC on this. The Chairman, at the request of the Executive Secretary, USIB, advised DIA of the above and requested that DIA levy this additional assignment on JRC/SAC with particular emphasis on the eastern end of the island.)

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e. In responding to an inquiry from [redacted] the COMOR requirements for color photography over Cuba had been provided to NRO and are set forth in COMOR-D-24/89.

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4. In connection with the discussion on Cuba, the Committee approved a paper (COMOR-D-24/94) to be forwarded to the NRO and JRC for appropriate action.

Report from the SIGINT Working Group

5. [redacted] Acting Chairman of the SIGINT Working Group, reported that the group:

a. Had noted the current launch schedules for satellite SIGINT collection;

b. Noted that three recent NSA reports had been published;

c. Took under advisement the preparation of a charter for the Working Group since none exists;

d. Considered the need for authorization for the Working Group to provide emergency tasking to the NRO without formal approval by COMOR. (There was inconclusive discussion of this matter by COMOR. It will be placed on a future agenda.)

e. Accepted a DIA tasking program [redacted] in order to meet an urgent deadline.

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Instructions on Control of Documents which, in Addition to [redacted]
Contain KEYHOLE, TALENT, and/or COMINT Information (COMOR-D-1/5)

6. COMOR approved the paper as amended and subject to editorial revision by the Chairman. This paper will be issued as COMOR-D-1/6.

7. [redacted] in connection with the foregoing discussion, outlined to the Committee problems which he faced in his responsibilities for the All-Source Center in the DDI/CIA which stemmed from the existence of the [redacted] TALENT, and COMINT Security Systems. He emphasized the need to rationalize and simplify the security surrounding the materials in these various systems. He felt that the subject document by no means went to the root of the problem, which he recognized was not the purpose of the paper. However, he did feel that improvement could be effectuated through a single security system for reconnaissance rather than the two systems as at present, namely, the [redacted] and TALENT Control Systems. He also said that savings could be effected; operational efficiency improved, and security increased by amalgamating parts of the COMINT and TALENT courier and communications facilities. He said that he intended to try his hand at a basic solution.

8. Colonel Ruhsam said he strongly shared [redacted] views. He also questioned the authority of the COMOR to issue the paper without formal referral to the SIGINT Committee and/or NSIB. However, he said he would not insist on this being done since apparently no other Agency held similar views.

Processing and Reproduction of Reconnaissance Film
(COMOR-D-34/6)

10. It was agreed to postpone this paper until the next meeting by which time it was hoped the Chairman's conference with

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the DIA,, NRO,, NPIC, and OSA , scheduled for next Tuesday, 15 October, would have been held with a resulting report for COMOR.

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Security Handling of



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11. This item was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Special Meeting

12. The Committee agreed to meet at 10 a.m. on 11 October to try to reach a conclusion on COMOR-D-48/49, "Requirements for Satellite Photography for Search and for Technical Intelligence for FY 1965" and to engage in preliminary discussion on the IBSEC memorandum (COMOR-D-7/8).



James Q. Reber

Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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ADDENDUM

Change in COMOR Document

1. Change COMOR-D-25/55 to COMOR-D-24/91,
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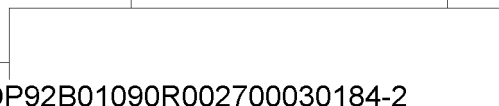
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